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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Continuation Application of:

Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos, et al.
Application No.: 09/990,585
Filing Date : November 21, 2001

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE FILING OF A
CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under C.F.R. 1.53(b) of Application No. 09/990,585 entitled "PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION AND IMAGING (PLIIM) SYSTEMS WITH INTEGRATED DESPECKLING MECHANISMS PROVIDED THEREIN" filed on November 21, 2001.

Under 35 USC Section 120, Applicants hereby claim priority to the earlier filing dates of the following co-pending United States Patent Applications: Application Serial No. 09/990,585 filed November 21, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/999,687 filed October 31, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999; and International Application Serial No. PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO WO 00/75856 A1; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Enclosed is a true copy of Prior Application Serial No. 09/990,585 as originally filed and a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) verifying it.

Please amend said prior application in accordance with the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

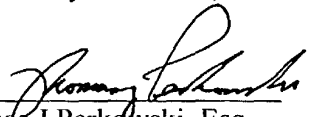
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Dated: February 26, 2002

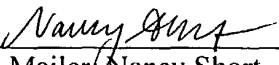

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REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF INVENTORSHIP OF UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b)

Sir:


Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) the undersigned attorney requests deletion of the following inventors for the present Continuation Application: Michael D. Schnee, Ka Man Au, Allan Wirth, Timothy A. Good, Andrew Jankevics, Sankar Ghosh, Charles A. Naylor, Thomas Amundsen, Robert Blake, William Svedas, Shawn Defoney, Edward Skypala, Russell Joseph Dobbs, George Kolis, Mark S. Schmidt, Jeffery Yorsz, Patrick A. Giordano, Stephen J. Colavito, David W. Wilz, Sr., Barry E. Schwartz, Steve Y. Kim, Dale Fischer, and John Van Tassell.

Upon deletion, the correct list of named inventors will include: Pirooz Vatan, C. Harry Knowles, Xiaoxun Zhu, and Constantine J. Tsikos.

If deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00, as set forth in §1.17(i), to Deposit Account 16-1340. A copy of this document is included herewith.

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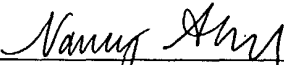

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